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1. 308 Division

a. On 5 April, the 36 Regiment was at Phu Binh (southeast of Thai Nguyen).

b. On 3 April, the 88 Regiment was approximately five kilometers southeast of Thai Nguyen.

c. On 4 April, the 102 Regiment was at Ha Chau (105-56; 21-24).

2. 312 Division

a. On 2 April, the 141 Regiment was at Hiep Hoa (10 kilometers south of Ha Chau).

b. The 165 Regiment is in the vicinity of Tho Khoi (20 kilometers northwest of Phu Tho).

c. The 209 Regiment is in the vicinity of Phu Doan (north of Phu Tho).

3. 351 Division

a. On 4 April, the 151 Regiment was in the vicinity of Bo Dao (15 kilometers northwest of Thai Nguyen).

b. On 4 April, the 675 Regiment was at Dai Tu (northwest of Thai Nguyen).

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4. 316 Division

a. On 4 April, the 176 Regiment was at Phu Yen (105-47; 20-36) along with the 888 Battalion.

b. The 174 Regiment is at Huu Lung (approximately 30 kilometers northeast of Bac Giang).

c. The 175 Regiment moved north across Route 5 on 3 April. It is now at Que Duong (105-39; 21-02). The French believe that this regiment is still south of Route 5.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) High Command is striving to keep its regiments in the Red River Delta until the rainy season, when the DRV expects the French will have to relax pressure on the Delta. Concentration of the 312 and 308 Divisions in the Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen area was a successful attempt to divert French forces from the Delta. The current concentration north of Hanoi is also intended to divert French troops from Delta operations. However, the DRV may press from the north in the vicinity of the Bac Ninh-Bac Giang area in an effort to reduce the size of the Delta salient.

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